

In the Claims

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following mark-up.

CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 48 (cancelled)

49. (New) A powered convertible walker/wheelchair/transporter aid useable selectively as a walker, wheel chair or a transporter comprising:

a pair of transporter vertical supports, each selectably carrying longitudinal supporting arms disposed in generally parallel relation at the upper ends thereof, and each supporting arm removeably secured to a first end of each supporting arm by a lateral gripping handle whereby said arms and handle form a generally U-shaped upper frame with said vertical supports; and

each of said vertical supports including a first direction leg section at the lower end thereof, extending generally parallel to said longitudinal arms, said forward leg section having a weight-bearing caster disposed on the underside thereof; and

each of said vertical supports including a rearward leg section attach generally at the lower end of said vertical supports and extending generally parallel to said longitudinal arms, said reward leg sections having a weight-bearing caster disposed on the underside thereof, whereby said forward and rearward leg sections form a roll able frame for said transporter; and

said transporter vertical supports have disposed at their lower ends, generally adjacent said leg sections, a drive wheel mounted in a sleeved coupling having therein a spring biasing unit to position said drive wheel upwardly relative to a support surface when said vertical supports are unloaded, said drive wheel and vertical support moveable downward in to contact with said support surface in a driving condition upon loading said vertical support beyond the spring bias in said sleeve coupling, whereby said transporter functions as a walker in the unloaded condition and as a driven wheelchair and transporter when in a loaded condition.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein each drive wheel is separately controllable.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein a seat is disposed intermediate said vertical supports, generally intermediate the respective ends thereof oriented such that an included back of the seat is supported by the handle.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein a load transport platform is disposed intermediate said vertical supports, generally adjacent the lower ends thereof, and oriented such that it is supported by said vertical supports below the sleeves and in the space defined above by the handle and the supporting arms.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein a control for operating the drive motors is disposed on one of the vertical supports adjacent one of the support arms.